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All truth is an achievement. If you would have truth at its full value, go win it.—Munger.

Coolidge to Discipline Air Leader

Mitchell Must Resign or Accept Demotion to Rank of Colonel and Transfer From Capital.

Weeks Demands Action

Washington, Feb. 18.—Brig. Gen. William Mitchell is to receive punishment at the hands of President Coolidge tomorrow for his testimony before the house aircraft committee, which revealed the amazing weakness of the nation's air defenses.

Weeks in Rage.

The president interested himself in the matter at the urgent request of Secretary of War Weeks, who informed the president at a conference today that either Mitchell would have to be disciplined or he (Weeks) would resign from the cabinet.

Secretary of the Navy Wilbur accompanied Secretary Weeks to the White House and made similar representations to the president, namely, that Mitchell would have to be disciplined or they would both quit the cabinet.

May Accent Demotion.

Following the meeting with his two cabinet officers, President Coolidge authorized the word which was sent to Mitchell, ordering him to appear before the committee in the president's office tomorrow.

It is believed that Mitchell will accept the lower rank of colonel rather than quit the service, to which he has devoted so much energy and effort.

He has only a war-time commission as brigadier general, but was in line for promotion to the permanent rank.

A number of promotions were sent in by the president several weeks ago, and the fact that Mitchell's name was not included occasioned considerable comment.

The omission was attributed to his frankness in discussing the faults of the army system and its weakness in the aircraft arm of the national defense.

Representative Curry of California stated yesterday that he would introduce a bill in the house of representatives demanding that the president nominate General Mitchell for a major generalship, "because of his patriotic sacrifices to this country."

Other congressmen, gathered in excited groups at the capital, stated that they would do everything in their power to counter "Mitchell's promotion, not demotion."

RELATIVES ASK PROBE OF DEATH

Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 18.—Lawrence relatives of George Okeson, 34, former Fairview (Kan.) man, whose body was found near Ely, Nev., last Sunday, said today that they believed Okeson to have been the victim of a murder plot. The body was found by searchers directed by S. A. Okeson, Fairview, father of the slain man.

A man who gave his name as A. E. Overt, offered at San Jose, Cal., the young man a position in a Nevada mine. Gilbert and Okeson are said to have departed together for the mine, the latter bearing a certified check for \$500.

The motor car in which they journeyed, broke down at Stark, Nev., where the two men were reported to have set out together on foot for the mine, 12 miles distant.

The following day the \$500 check is said to have been cashed in Ely by Gilbert, who purchased a railroad ticket for New York.

Lumber Concerns Merged.

Hend, Feb. 18.—Yost Brothers Lumber company, operating one of the two large yards here, formerly a unit in the extensive J. H. Yost chain, has been purchased by the Edward Schuck Lumber company and the two will be consolidated.

We Have With Us Today

Claude Delany, John F. Enzinger, Engineers, Union Pacific Railroad, North Platte, Neb.

These two engineers wanted to attend the meeting of the Old Timers' club of Omaha, composed of Union Pacific employees who have been in the service for 20 years or more.

Riding trains is an old story for them, so they varied the monotony by climbing into Enzinger's airplane and making the trip by air.

They will spend Thursday in Omaha and attend the club's dinner Thursday night at the Elks' club. They will fly back to North Platte Friday.

DEFENSE RESTS IN BRIBERY CASE

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 18.—After brief cross examination of L. J. Fletcher, one of the three defendants in the conspiracy trial of A. E. Sartain, former warden, L. J. Fletcher, former deputy warden, and Laurence Riehl, in United States court here today it was announced that the defense rested. The former officials of the Atlanta federal penitentiary and Riehl are charged with conspiracy to accept bribes in connection with assignment of certain prisoners to "soft jobs."

House Votes to Eliminate State Blue Sky Bureau

Expected Governor Will Exercise Veto Power, Should Senators Concur With Representatives.

By F. C. POWELL.

Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee, Lincoln, Feb. 18.—Nebraska's legislature dealt with high finance today.

In the house the Pollock-Kuppinger bill repealing the blue sky law and abolishing the bureau of securities was passed on third reading by a vote of 55 to 43, five more than the 51 votes necessary. Governor McMullen is openly opposed to passage of the bill.

It now goes to the senate for consideration. In event the senate passes favorably on the bill it is expected the governor will veto it. Repeal of the blue sky law is a part of the democratic platform and it is known that Governor McMullen believes it is up to a democratic governor and not a republican governor to shoulder responsibility for repeal of the law.

In the senate there was a hot debate on the bill which takes tax exemption from all tax-exempt securities in the state, and from publicly owned utilities and repeals the \$200 personal property exemption. The bill was advanced to third reading after Senator John W. Robbins succeeded in attaching an amendment exempting public utilities from provisions of the bill. Those voting against passage of the bill were:

Bliss, Chambers, Cooper, Dyar, Givens, Hays, Hoyle, Jessup, Luckey, McGowan, Robbins, Vance, White.

The house also passed a bill on third reading which cuts the expense of referendums by placing advertising of such elections in the hands of the Nebraska State Press association.

The senate judiciary committee, late this afternoon, reported out Senator Cooper's bill providing for penitentiary sentences for persons found guilty of alienating the affections of another's wife or husband.

NAVAL AVIATORS MAKE BOMB TESTS

San Pedro, Cal., Feb. 18.—Fifty TNT bombs, each of 117 pounds, were dropped by naval aviators today in tests on targets of buoys the size of a battleship. None fell within the target, but Admiral Robert E. Coontz, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet, and Admiral S. S. Robinson of the battle fleet, observing the tests, indicated that the practice was highly successful.

Twenty-five of the bombs were dropped from an altitude of 4,000 feet and the other 25 from 4,600 feet.

The bombs were dropped from a formation of five naval bombing planes and completely encircled the target. Naval observers said that the proximity of the bombs to the target indicated they would have been highly effective against a capital ship.

Dividend resumed on ARMOUR STOCK

New York, Feb. 18.—Directors of Armour & Co., Chicago packers, today resumed dividends on the class A common stock, declaring two quarterly dividends of 50 cents, one payable as of January 2 to stock of record on that date, and the other on April 1 to stock of record March 14.

Nevada Senate Passes Resolution on Dry Law

Reno, Nev., Feb. 18.—The resolution introduced in the Nevada legislature February 4, calling upon congress to assemble a constitutional convention of the states for the purpose of revising the 18th amendment, was passed by the Nevada senate today after having been previously adopted by the assembly. The resolution will be sent to congress at once.

If similar resolutions are adopted by two-thirds of the states congress will be compelled to call a conference of all the states for the purpose stated. The preamble of the Nevada resolution states that Nevada went on record as favoring prohibition, but that constitutional prohibition has failed, and that the 18th amendment should be revised to permit congress to pass an enforceable act.

Snow Over Wide Area.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 18.—Snow settled over an area reaching from northeastern Iowa to eastern North Dakota, including Minnesota, today, and at Little Falls, Minn., reached the proportions of a blizzard. Little Falls reported a temperature of 1 below zero.

"Battleship Is Supreme," Naval Board

Special Report to Coolidge Indicates Admirals Regard Airplanes Merely Adjuncts to Fleet.

Program Slashed to Bone

By Universal Service.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Slashed to the bone by President Coolidge, the recommendations of the special navy board concerning future naval construction were sent to congress today.

The estimates for appropriations forwarded by the president included:

1. Modernization of three of the coal-burning battleships.

2. Continuation of the construction of two aircraft carriers.

3. Three million dollars for airplanes for the carriers. This is in addition to \$1,000,000 for this purpose included in the 1925 budget.

4. Laying down of two 10,000-ton cruisers.

5. Commencement of construction of gunboats for patrol service in China.

Recommendation Ignored.

President Coolidge disregarded the special board's recommendation that seven other battleships be modernized; that six instead of three battleships be converted to oil burners; that eight instead of two 10,000-ton cruisers be built; that three fleet submarines be laid down; that the airplane construction program amount to \$20,000,000 for the first year and that a new airplane carrier be laid down.

The complete report of the special board, headed by Admiral Eberle, was made public today, and revealed that the seven admirals who formed it have been little influenced by the stinging testimony of Brigadier General Mitchell and others concerning America's utter lack of aircraft protection.

Aviation Minimized.

The board still maintains the supremacy of battleships over airplanes, despite the revelations of the last few weeks.

"The prediction that aviation will assume paramount importance in sea warfare will not be realized," the report stated.

The general tenor of the report indicates that the board believes airplanes are and always will be merely adjuncts to the fleet and that the battleship will remain supreme.

FILIBUSTER ON SALARY INCREASE

Washington, Feb. 18.—With its legislative calendar jammed and cries of "filibuster" resounding through the cloak rooms, the senate today devoted almost an entire session to discussion of the advisability of a negro swimming hole in Washington.

Opposition to federal supervision of co-operatives has come from all sections of the country, Senator Morris said.

Walter Petzet, secretary of the national council of co-operative marketing agencies, appearing today before the senate committee, declared any plan for federal control would be regarded as objectionable because the typical co-operative member was convinced it could best be operated from within.

MIMIC WARFARE STAGED BY FLIERS

Camp Skeel, Oscoda, Mich., Feb. 18.—The army's first pursuit group from Selfridge field today, resumed its mimic warfare on an imaginary enemy force that is seeking to invade lower Michigan from the north.

"The enemy," according to the theoretical military situation laid before Maj. Thomas G. Lanphier and his fliers, "has succeeded in crossing the straits of Mackinac on the ice and now is advancing southward down the lower peninsula."

The American infantry dispatched Monday "to repel the invasion," is presumed to have reached its first line of resistance along a line ranging from Standish to Traverse City, crossing West Branch and Grayling.

"The enemy has not yet succeeded in learning the point at which its troops will encounter the American pursuit force," the instructions say. "Enemy pursuit fliers were ordered today to discover and map this American line of resistance."

The problem for Major Lanphier's men today is "to establish contact with the enemy's planes at a point north of Grayling and make an attack to prevent the hostile aircraft from finding the American ground troops."

Married in Council Bluffs.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses at Council Bluffs yesterday:

Otto P. Marx, Scribner, Neb., and Augusta Froemming, Scribner, Neb.

Fred W. Schutte, Scribner, Neb., and Bertha L. Beckwith, Woodbine, Ia.

Glenn O. Peterson, Lincoln, Neb., and Lela R. Walters, Missouri Valley, Neb.

Herman Gerken, Platte Center, Neb., and Clara Hoefelman, Platte Center, Neb.

John Carlisle, Lincoln, Neb., and Elizabeth Drake, Scribner, Neb.

John W. Brough, Lincoln, Neb., and Alice D. Ortega, Lincoln, Neb.

Ray F. Gayer, Missouri Valley, Ia., and Hans Harns, Fremont, Neb.

Thelma Janowski, Fremont, Neb., and Carl W. Schroder, Loveland, Ia.

Pearl Larsen, Loveland, Ia., and Emil E. Johnson, Oakland, Neb.

Myra M. Schroder, Oakland, Neb., and Raymond Butler, Royal, Neb.

Anna Thompson, Clearwater, Neb., and John H. Gardner, Lincoln, Neb.

Vivian Taylor, Neola, Ia., and John H. Kuzgen, Council Bluffs, Neb.

Carl W. Schroder, Loveland, Ia., and John N. Savatovic, Omaha, Neb.

Edmond Moody, Malmo, Neb., and Julia Davis, North Bend, Neb.

Arthur Miller, Lincoln, Neb., and Beatrice H. Gardner, Lincoln, Neb.

Edna M. Walters, Missouri Valley, Neb., and Ewan Miller, North Bend, Neb.

Rosella Augusta Henriksen, Hooper, Neb., and Gabriel W. Engel, Fremont, Neb.

Marie Lund, Fremont, Neb., and Gus Kortum, Danvers, Cal.

Ruth Kay, Fox Calhoun, Neb., and Milton Kluck, Richland, Neb.

Elna Kriegl, Schuyler, Neb.

"Shiner" 65 Miles to Prove Devotion

Little Mistress, 4, Begged Him to Return When Was Sent Away, Pet Canine Spends 11 Days Returning to Kansas City From St. Louis.

By VINA LINDSAY, Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 18.—Baito, famous Alaskan husky, rushed to Nome in a blizzard because his master told him to follow the trail. Shiner, plain Missouri bound dog, tramped 11 days through slush and mud—from St. Louis to Kansas City—because his mistress had begged him to return to her.

The object of Shiner's devotion and the inspiration of his 235-mile trip is 4-year-old Pauline Adams, daughter of Harry Adams of Independence. The neighbor preferred Shiner, a sleek hound with a stub tail but a loyal heart, has been the devoted companion of Pauline since babyhood. The two have been inseparable, except on occasions when Shiner's exuberant spirits caused him to chase the fat, waddling Plymouth Rock hens of a neighbor. The neighbor preferred charges against Shiner. The dog's master agreed to send Shiner away with a friend who was driving to St. Louis.

The leave-taking between the dog and his small mistress was touching. Pauline hung about the clumsy hound's neck, wept and pleaded with him to come back to her. Shiner tried to express understanding with his big, sad brown eyes. Shiner, whining and pawing, was put in his crate and placed in the car with his new master. As the car drove away the little girl called pitifully after her dog.

Two weeks passed and Pauline still was asking when Shiner would come back. Last night the Adams family heard a scratching at the door. It was opened and there stood Shiner—a mud-covered, limping, half-starved, bedraggled dog. Almost too weak to stand, he attempted to leap upon his mistress while he frantically wagged his abbreviated tail.

Word was received today by the Adams family from their friend in St. Louis that Shiner had disappeared the day that city was reached. He was exactly 11 days making the trip across the state. Shiner, fed, washed and happy, is being given a chance to restore diplomatic relations with the fat Plymouth Rock hens.

Farm Marketing Board Scheme Is Much Protested

Further Hearings Before Committee on Proposal May Be Necessary, Chairman Norris Announces.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Further extended hearings by the senate agriculture committee on the proposal for creation of a federal co-operative marketing board may be necessary because of the "avalanche of protests" which has greeted the proposal, Chairman Norris today told the senate, in announcing the continuation of night sessions of the committee.

Similar legislation, which embodies the major recommendation of the president's agricultural conference, already has been approved by the house agriculture committee and leaders in that chamber hope to bring it up for consideration this week.

Chairman Norris would not predict today how long the senate hearings would continue.

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Walter Petzet, secretary of the national council of co-operative marketing agencies, appearing today before the senate committee, declared any plan for federal control would be regarded as objectionable because the typical co-operative member was convinced it could best be operated from within.

The convention next year will be held in Lincoln.

The convention this year was more largely attended than any of the other meetings held during the 20 years that the organization has been in existence.

Due to public demand, A. F. Smith company, wholesale jewelers, have held their factory display of Whiting and Daxis company meshbags. The display is valued at \$20,000. A set of valuable pearls will be included in the display.

OMAHA WOMAN KILLED BY CAR

Mrs. Emerson Benedict, mother of Mrs. D. M. Edgerly, 48 North Thirty-seventh street, was almost instantly killed Tuesday in Cincinnati when she was struck by an automobile, according to word received by Mrs. Edgerly Wednesday. Mrs. Benedict had been visiting for some time at the home of her brother in Cincinnati.

The body will be brought to Omaha, and funeral services will be held from the Edgerly home. The date has not yet been fixed.

Mrs. Benedict was administration vice president of the west central district of the Woman's Baptist Missionary society for two years. She was prominent in Baptist church work.

POLA NEGRI OPENS FIRE ON PROWLER

Los Angeles, Feb. 18.—Pola Negri, beautiful Hollywood actress, fired several shots today at an intruder in her palatial Beverly Hills mansion, according to a police report.

The noted Polish actress, believing a burglar was entering her home, shot at a man observed near her bedroom windows. The intruder escaped and was believed uninjured.

Wichita Falls Mayor Tenders Resignation

Wichita Falls, Tex., Feb. 18.—Frank Collier, mayor of Wichita Falls, tendered his resignation, effective immediately, to the board of aldermen today. He is under \$20,000 bond on murder charges filed Saturday night after the fatal shooting of Buster Robertson, who eloped with and married Collier's daughter several months ago.

Glass of Cold Water Causes Death of Cracow Farm Boy

Columbus, Feb. 18.—A glass of cold water caused the death of Mike Cracow, 19-year-old farm boy, at his home near Cracow. While warm from husking, Mike took a big drink. Within a few hours he was taken ill, pneumonia developed and he died a few days later. He was a son of William Cracow, well-known farmer of the Cracow neighborhood.

Ice Crushes Plattsmouth Toll Bridge

North Span Goes Out After Grinding Two-Day Pressure; Workmen Dynamiting in River. Cut Off From Omaha

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Plattsmouth, Neb., Feb. 18.—Plattsmouth was cut off from Omaha tonight when the north span of the T. H. Pollock toll bridge went out before the grinding pressure of floating ice late this afternoon.

The ice in the Platt river began to descend upon Plattsmouth yesterday. All day and all night the ice packed in, grinding against the piers of the bridges, packing against the solid ice which fills the main channel of the river.

The solidly frozen channel refused to give way and the ice was diverted to the deeper section of the river to the north side, the section of sand bars and shallow water.

Owner in Omaha.

Yesterday forenoon Pollock decided the bridge should be closed. He posted signs and left for Omaha to see about obtaining some material for repairs which had been ordered several days ago.

At that time the owner of the bridge had no thought of it going out. It had withstood the ravages of the ice break up each year since its erection.

But he had failed to consider the fact that last year the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad had rebuilt its bridge just above the toll bridge. In years past the railroad bridge had protected the toll bridge. When it was rebuilt, the railroad raised it nearly four feet.

Wooden Piers Give Way.

As a result, the wooden piers of the north section gave way before the onslaught of the great waves of ice and water swept down the river.

The flooring of the span gave way and sagged two feet. Gradually last night it sagged lower, but at a late hour had not gone completely out.

Pollock will be back in Plattsmouth tomorrow with the material for repairs and expects to have the bridge open to traffic by Monday.

A crew of men are working on the main channel of the river, dynamiting in an effort to break the ice and give the flow from up river a chance to pass off through the deep water.

NAVAL FLYER DIES AS PLANE CRASHES

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 18.—Lieut. W. S. Garrett of the air corps, of the United States fleet based at North Island, was killed today in an airplane crash at Yuma, Ariz., according to reports to North Island.

Lieutenant Garrett was flying one of seven planes in photographic and survey operations. Another officer was reported to have been seriously burned.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 18.—Lieut. Harold Brown, naval aviator, fell into the bay here yesterday while flying in a Boeing plane. This is a new type of plane recently added to the naval aviation force, and the accident yesterday was the second that has occurred as a result of navy fliers endeavoring to learn how to bring this type of plane out of a tail spin. Brown went into a tail spin while at a height of 350 feet. Although the plane was badly damaged, the aviator escaped injury.

AUTO OFF BRIDGE; 3 PERSONS DROWN

Bozeman, Mont., Feb. 18.—The bodies of Jacob Norden and Mrs. William Schrauger, 23, of White Hall, and Mrs. John Douglas, 35, of Cardwell, were recovered today from a slough near the Jefferson river.

The slough was drowned last night when a Ford automobile in which they were driving crashed through a bridge railing and plined all three in a foot of mud and two feet of water. The accident was discovered when the husband of Mrs. Douglas started search for his missing wife.

Quantities of Arms and Munitions Are Missing

Geneva, Feb. 18.—More than \$134,000 worth of arms and munitions sold in international trade during the three years ending 1922 remains unaccounted for, according to a report presented today to the disarmament commission of the league of nations.

The league's investigation shows that while the various countries, including the United States, exported in 1920, 1921 and 1922 \$330,000 worth of arms and munitions, the importations reported totaled only \$86,400,000.

Russia, Turkey and Greece furnished no report of their importations during those years. All three nations were engaged in war in that period.

Nine German Officers Sentenced for War Crimes

Amiens, France, Feb. 18.—Nine German officers were today condemned by a French court-martial by default for crimes committed during the recent war.

Lieutenant Borsmann was sentenced to hard labor for life for overruling the opinion of a German doctor and ordering the wife of a French officer from a house, although she was so ill she died while being moved.

Twenty years at hard labor and 10 years' solitary confinement were among the other sentences imposed for crimes, which included the pillaging of houses and castles.

THE WEATHER

For 12 hours ending 7 p. m., February 18: Precipitation, inches and hundredths, Total, 0. Total since January 1, 5.5; deficiency, 21.

Hourly Temperatures:

7 a. m. 30 8 a. m. 30 9 a. m. 30 10 a. m. 30 11 a. m. 30 12 m. 30 1 p. m. 30 2 p. m. 30 3 p. m. 30 4 p. m. 30 5 p. m. 30 6 p. m. 30 7 p. m. 30 8 p. m. 30 9 p. m. 30 10 p. m. 30 11 p. m. 30

COUNTY QUIET AFTER LYNCHING

Greenwood, Miss., Feb. 18.—Cruger, in Holmes county, near here, was reported quiet today following a wild scene of disorder last night, when Hal Winters and his brother, negroes, were taken from authorities and hanged by a mob which charged them with murder and attempted murder. The negroes were taken from county officers after they had been captured in a swamp to which they had fled after Hal Winters had shot and killed Wiseley P. Martin, 65, a plantation manager.

Wood Has Become Fuel of Farmer, Lumbermen Hear

Coal Dealers Tell of Inroads

Wood and Oil Have Made on Sales.

The Nebraska farmer has become economic, according to several of the large wholesale coal dealers doing business throughout the state with retail coal dealers.

They complain that the farmers of the state instead of burning coal as in former years have learned how to use the old fashioned ax on the farm and have chopped down every piece of timber and utilized every piece of timber on the farm for heating purposes.

"The coal business through the state has been light for a winter like the present one," they say.

Farmers Save Coal.

"It seems as if every farmer in the state has cleaned up his back yard in order to save on the coal bill."

The coal dealers also say that the oil business has cut quite a figure during the present winter.

The convention is one of the liveliest that has been seen in Omaha since the International Lions convention.

The lobby of the Hotel Rome is packed with lumbermen from all parts of the state. All of them have come to Omaha with a large smile and confidence of doing a good business during 1925.

Lumber, they say, is going to be more of a necessity than ever during 1925. Building operations, they say, have been put off for too long a time. With the farmers of the state again forging out in front, the lumbermen are confident of the 1925 results.

Give Apples to Customers.

A new feature is seen at the convention. Instead of using methods of treating the dealers in the city by supplying them with pre-Valstead refreshments, the wholesale dealers are "feeding" their customers with large, red apples and cigars. This, they say, is equivalent to the former custom.

The C. N. Dietz Lumber company has engaged a parlor at the Rome hotel and hired Dan Desdune's orchestra of five pieces to entertain the dealers. Dancing is allowed and the dealers are taking advantage of it.

Practically every retail dealer in Omaha attending the convention was given a souvenir case fashioned like yardstick. These were given away by the Dewey Portland Cement company of Kansas City.

The program for today consists